HEEEY
KUREHA-CHAN, NOEL-CHAN, WAIT FOR ME!
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COME ON, YOU TWO ...
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HEY, KANATA ?!
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THAT'S NOT THE DIRECTION WE'RE HEADING!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING ?!
KANATA, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A MISSION!
LOOK, IT'S WONDER-FUL!
WAIT RIGHT THERE, COW-NATA!
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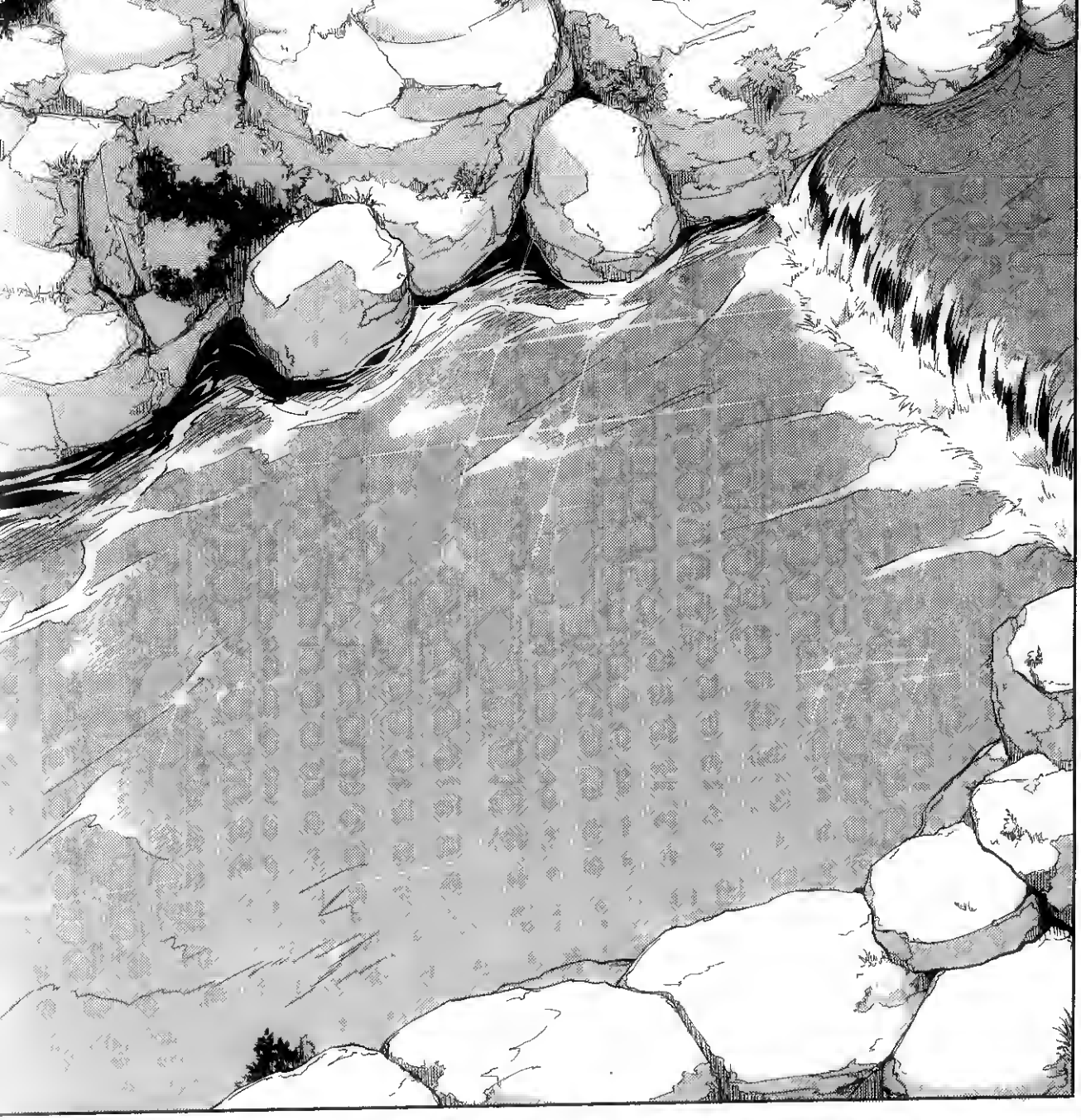

WATER!!
AFTER HALF A DAY, WATER!
ISN'T IT PRETTY?

HAHAHA, YOU STOP FIRST, KUREHA-CHAN!
AHAHA, WAIT, KANATA, STOP!
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WITH YOUR PERMIS-SION.

WELL, I HEARD IT.
EH?
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A RIVER AROUND HERE?
GOOD EAR, KANATA.
HUH... I HAD NO IDEA...
OKAY! NOW WE'LL RESUME OUR MISSION!
I WANT TO BATHE IN THE RIVER TOO!!
GOOD JOB, KANATA.
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT WE COULD TAKE A BATH.

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UGH...
WATER ISSUES ASIDE, WE STILL HAVEN'T HAD A BITE TO EAT...
HAHA... YEAH...
DON'T WORRY.
IF WE WEREN'T GIVEN SUPPLIES IT'S BECAUSE THEY KNEW WE'D BE ABLE TO FIND SOMETHING.
THAT RIVER IS PROBABLY ALSO INCLUDED IN THEIR PLAN.
HUH? THAT'S AWFULLY POSITIVE.
IT'S SOMETHING FILICIA WOULD DO.
NO, THE COMMANDER WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE...
HIDING BEHIND THAT BOULDER, SNICKERING AT US.
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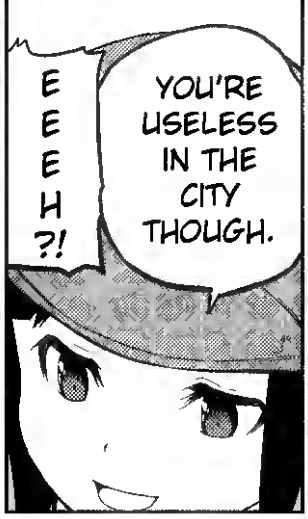
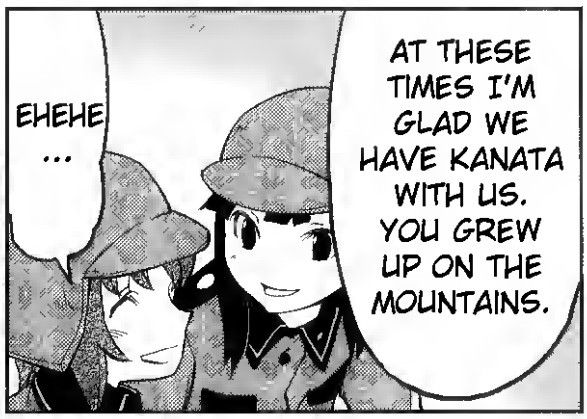
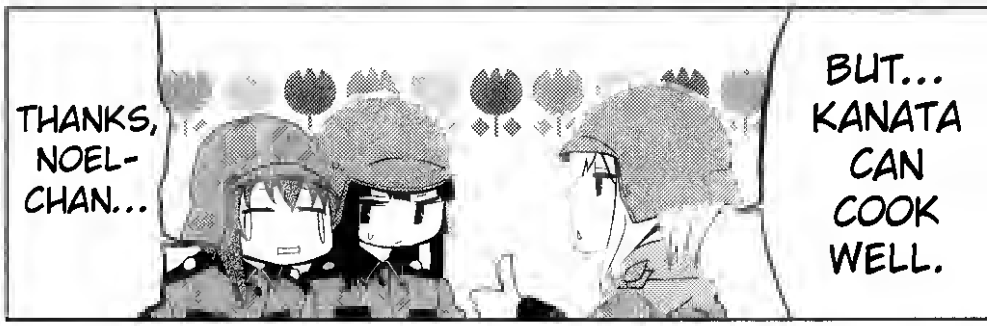
OH!
LOOK!!
GIRLS,
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE HAPPY.
WHAT IS IT THIS TIME...
TA-DA!
W-WAIT A SECOND!!
IS THAT EDIBLE?!

OF COURSE!
HMM, IT'S GOOD!

OKAY! NOW LET'S CONTINUE THE M-


EEEH?!
YOU'RE USELESS IN THE CITY THOUGH.


EHEHE...
AT THESE TIMES I'M GLAD WE HAVE KANATA WITH US. YOU GREW UP ON THE MOUNTAINS.


THANKS, NOEL-CHAN...
BUT... KANATA CAN COOK WELL.

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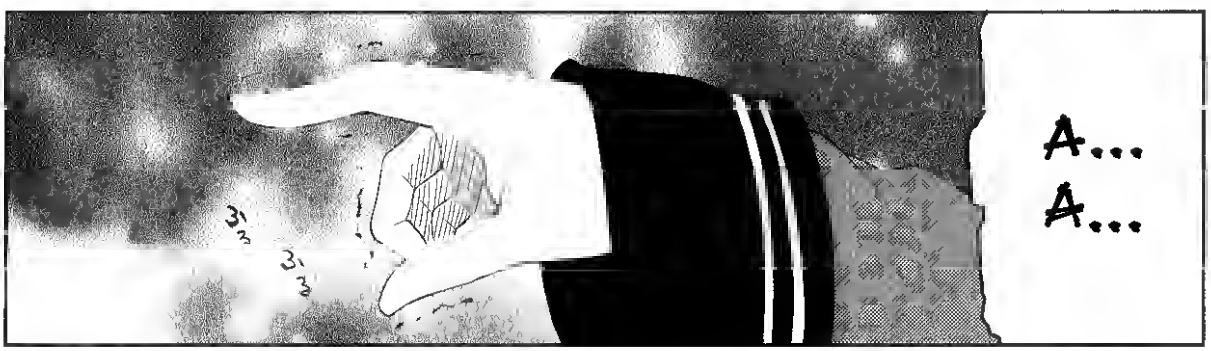
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JUST BACK OFF SLOWLY ...
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A WILD BOAR !!
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EEK!
OR SHOULD I KEEP WATCH-ING?
SHOULD I HELP THEM..
WILL THEY BE OKAY?
IT'S OKAY. THERE'S NO PROB-LEM AS LONG AS WE DON'T PROVOKE IT.
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KANATA?
KANATA!
UGH... WHAT SHOULD I DO...
NOEL ...
N-NOEL, KANA-TA'S...
OW ...
I THINK I SPRAINED MY ANKLE...
EH?! ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
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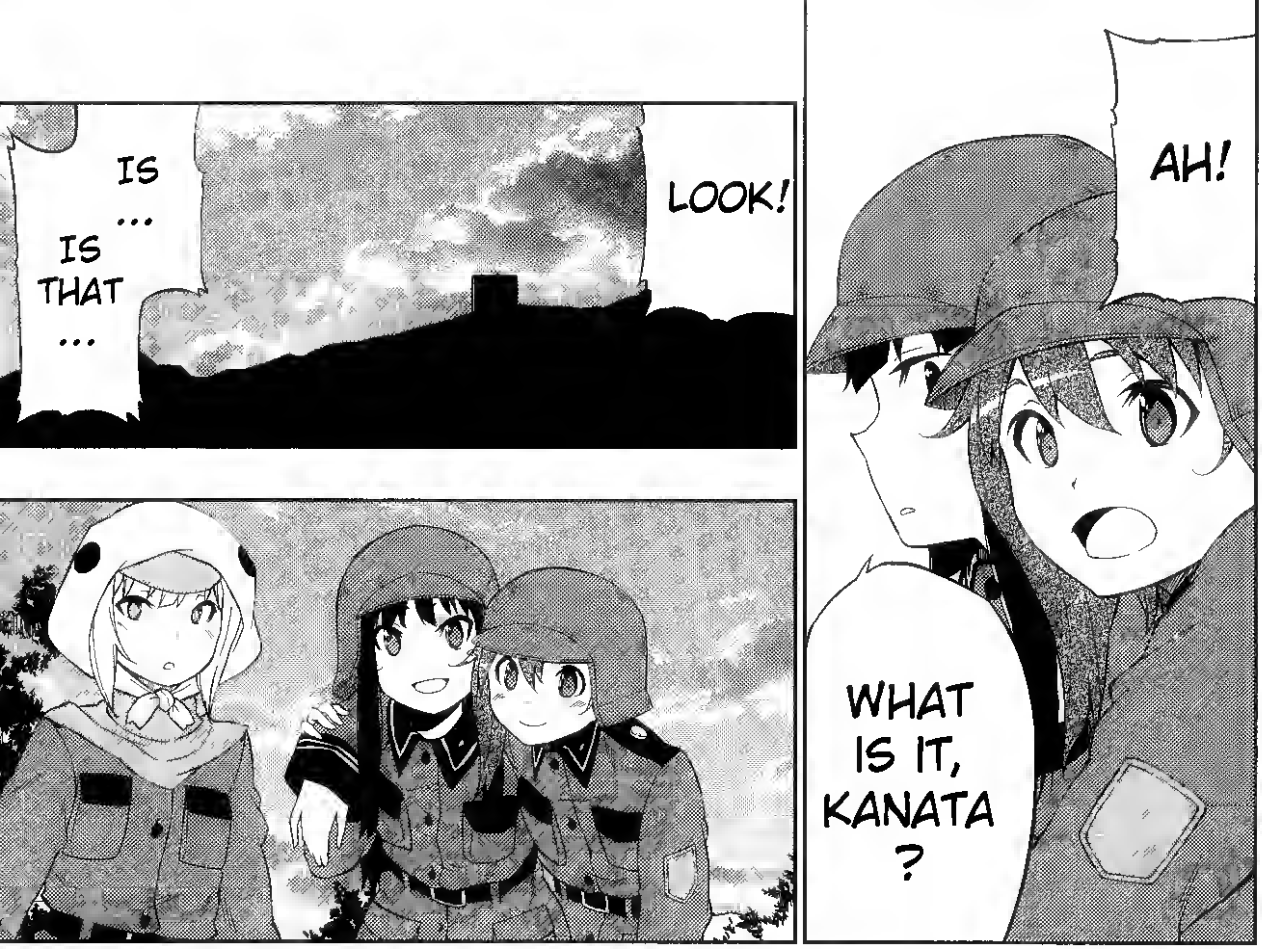
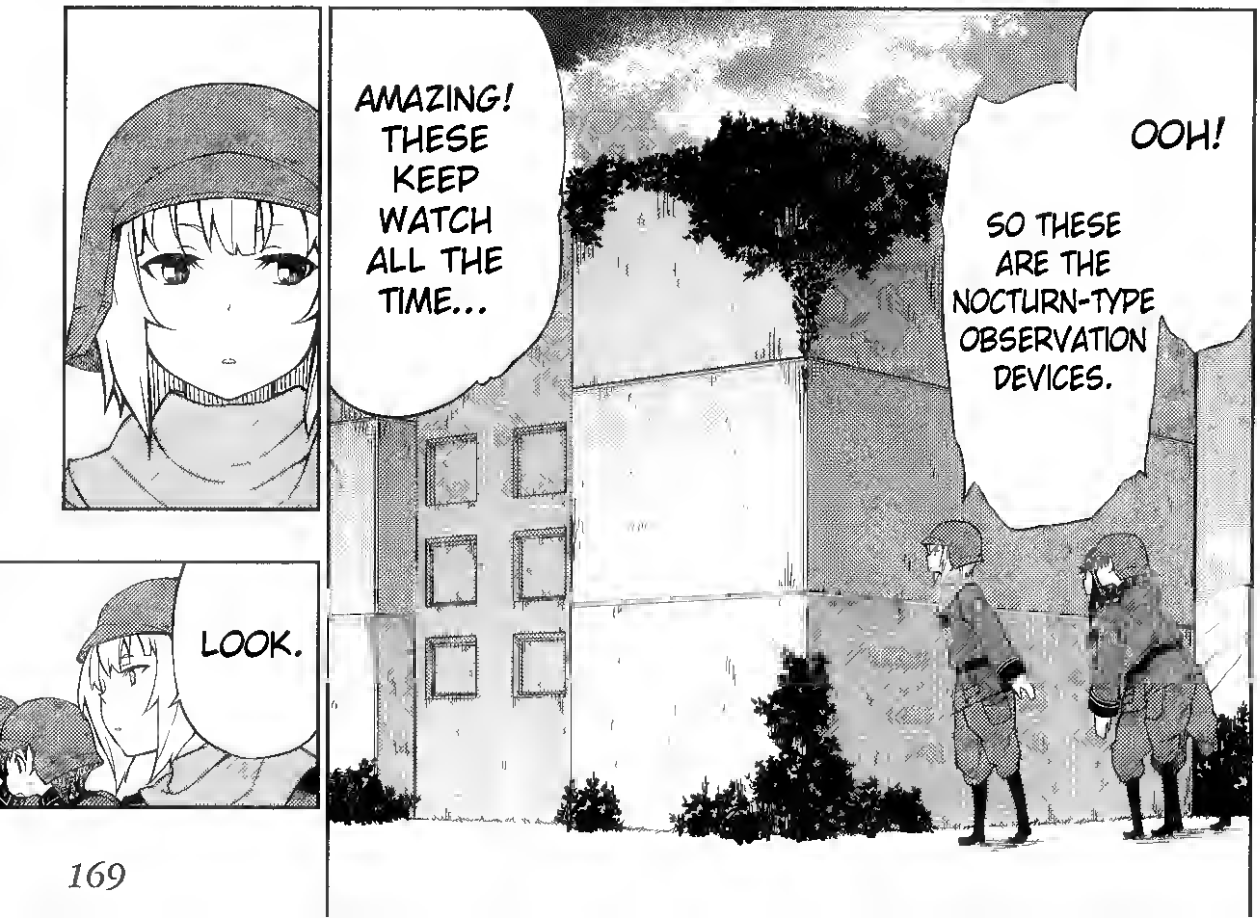
NOEL?! WHAT THE HELL...

WHAT IS SHE DOING WITH THAT HOOD...
DOES SHE WANT TO SCARE THE BOAR?!
OKAY, THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE ...

THAT WAS GREAT, KUREHA-CHAN.
YOU SCARED IT AWAY WITH JUST ONE SHOT.
THAT WAS INTENSE. IT WAS THE LAST ROUND.
THAT WAS DAN-GER-OUS, NOEL.
IT'S OKAY ...
I BE-LIEVED IN YOU.
THAT'S EMBAR-RASSING! DON'T SAY IT JUST LIKE THAT!
... WELL DONE.
THEY CAN COOPERATE WHEN THE OCCASION CALLS FOR IT.


AH!
WHAT IS IT, KANATA ?
LOOK!
IS ... IS THAT ...


OOH!
SO THESE ARE THE NOCTURN-TYPE OBSERVATION DEVICES.
AMAZING! THESE KEEP WATCH ALL THE TIME...
LOOK.

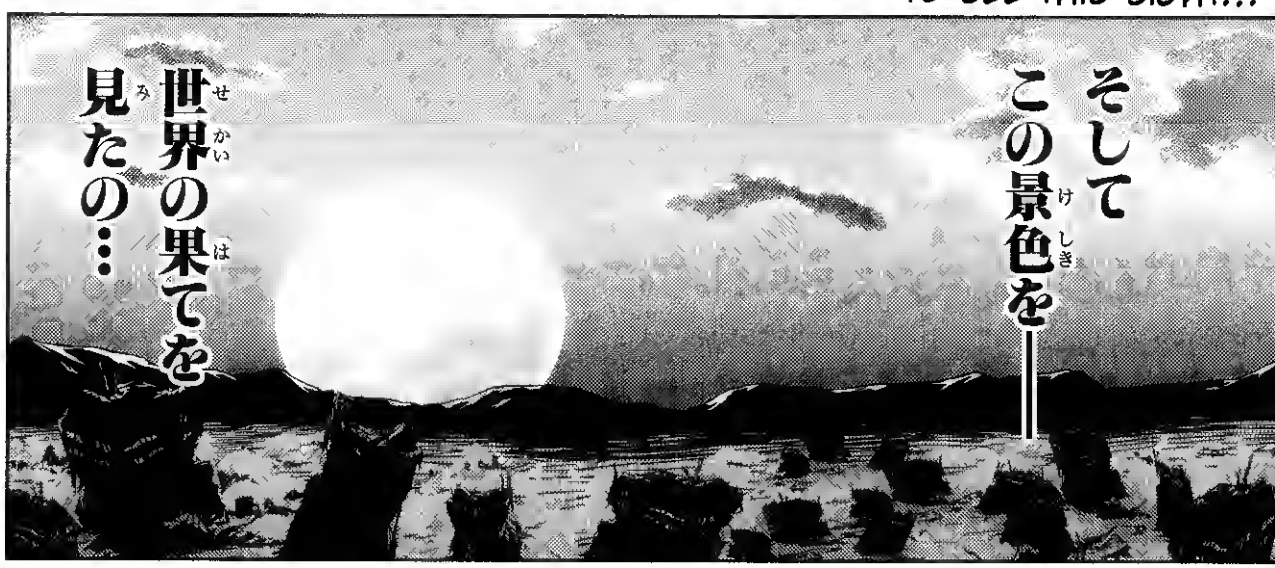
FILI-CIA-SAN!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT WAS AN EX-CUR-SION?
WELL, YOU DID SAY THAT, BUT...
I'M SORRY, COMMANDER. THE MISSION... WE LEFT THE BAGS...
YES, THIS IS NO MAN'S LAND.
OH...
THIS IS...

I WANTED YOU TO SEE THIS BY YOURSELVES.

THESE ARE THE NAMES OF OUR SENIORS.

EVERY FORTRESS MAIDEN COMES HERE ONCE.

TO SEE THIS SIGHT...



AND THE END OF THE WORLD.

SO THIS IS THE POWER OF... HISTORY?

THIS LAND THAT FELL INTO RUIN IS THE END OF OUR WORLD.

SOMEDAY WE MAY BE SWALLOWED UP AS WELL. THAT'S WHY WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER.

RIO-SEN PAI!!

IT'S CLEAR YOU CAN DO IT, SEEING HOW YOU COULD REACH THIS PLACE.

EH?! WERE YOU WATCHING US ALL THIS TIME?

YEAH.

SORRY FOR CAUSING TROUBLE...
YOU WERE IN A MESS YESTERDAY AND YOU GAVE ME QUITE A SCARE TOO.
FUFU, WELL DONE, RIO.
THIS WASN'T AN EASY TASK FOR ME, FILICIA.
SO THAT OUR JUNIORS CAN CAUSE US TROUBLE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR SENIORS AND SUPERIORS ARE HERE FOR?
THREE ...
WHY IS THAT?
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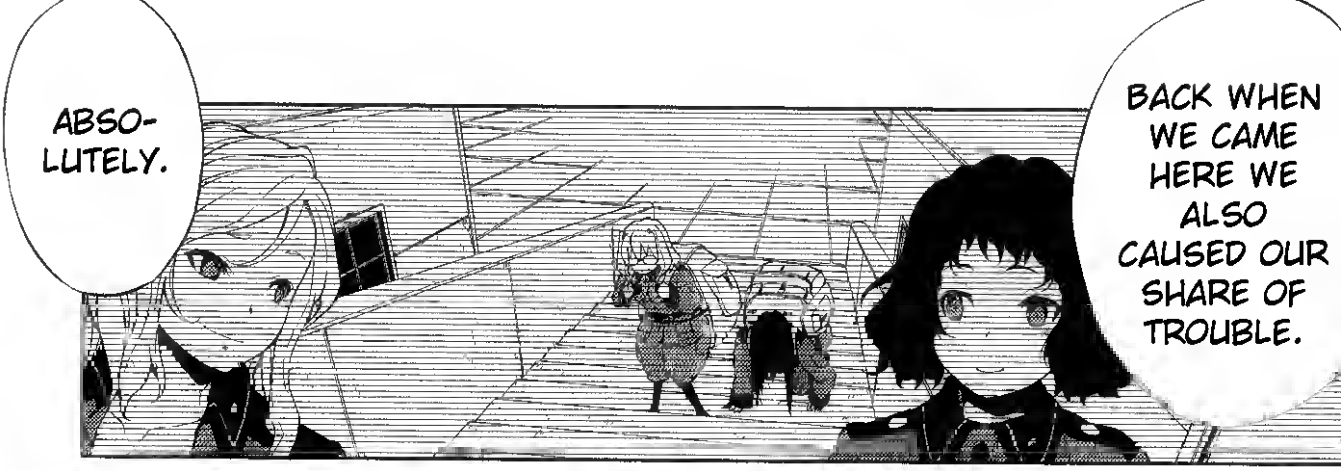

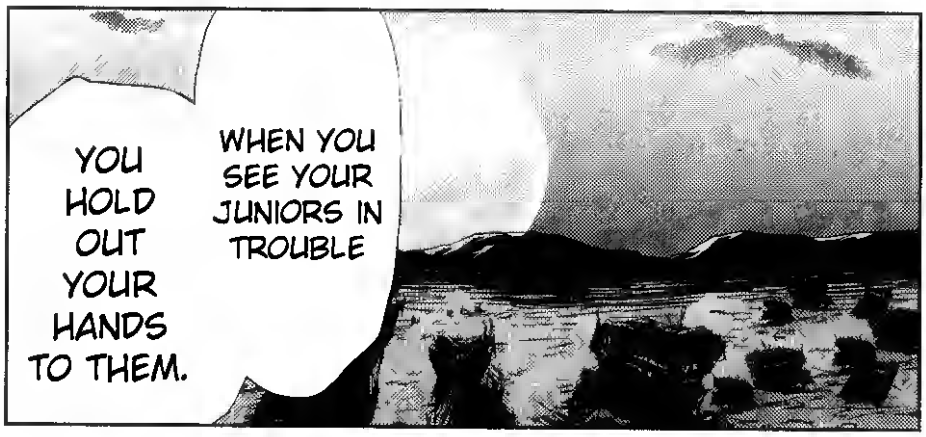

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO EVERYTH ING PER-FECTLY RIGHT NOW.
JUST REFLECT ON YOUR ACHIEVE-MENTS, YOUR RE-GRETS, AND THE THINGS YOU STILL CAN'T DO.

To be continued——